

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 11, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BIOTERRORISM  
PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Bioterrorism Preparedness and Public Health, be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at 2 p.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 10 a.m. in closed session to markup the personnel programs and provisions contained in the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 2 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 100, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the state of Colorado; S. 235 and H.R. 816, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, NV; S. 404, to make a technical correction relating to the land conveyance authorized by Public Law 108-67; S. 741, to provide for the disposal of certain forest service administrative sites in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; S. 761, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, NM, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND  
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sub-

committee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. in closed session to mark up the readiness and management support programs and provisions contained in the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 9 a.m. in closed session to mark up the strategic forces programs and provisions contained in the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination on today's Executive Calendar: No. 76, Maria Cino, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation. I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ENSIGN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE  
CALENDAR—S. 989

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 989) to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 12,  
2005

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, May 12. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee, the next 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; provided that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3, the highway bill, and that there be 60 minutes of debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking member or their designees prior to the vote on invoking cloture on the pending substitute amendment.

I further ask unanimous consent that Senators have until 10:30 a.m. to file second-degree amendments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the highway bill. We will then have 60 minutes for debate before the cloture vote on the pending substitute. It is my hope that cloture will be invoked so we can move closer toward completing our work on this important legislation. Following the vote, we will continue working through whatever amendments are left. A number of amendments have indeed been filed, and Senators who wish to offer amendments should contact the managers at once. Senators should expect rollcall votes throughout the day in relation to amendments to the bill.

Again, it is our intention to complete action on this important legislation this week. Senators should expect busy days for the remainder of the week and are certainly asked to plan accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Therefore, Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate